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1. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS ADVISES THAT TO DATE 130 DC-10 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO 23 AIR CARRIERS WORLD-WIDE; 14 FOREIGN (SWISSAIR, KLM, ALITALIA, UTA, IBERIA, SABENA, LUFTHANSA, MARTIN AIR, LAKER, AIR NEW ZEALAND, AIR AFRIQUE, THY, AIR ZAIRE, PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES) AND 9 US (AMERICAN, UNITED, NATIONAL, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, NORTHWEST, OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS, TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, WESTERN). DC-10 AIRCRAFT HAVE FLOWN 495,000 FLIGHT HOURS IN COMMERCIAL SERVICE, CARRYING MORE THAN 23 MILLION PASSENGERS FOR 185 MILLION PASSENGER MILES.

2. PRIOR TO THY CRASH PARIS THERE HAD BEEN THREE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS INVOLVING DC-10 AIRCRAFT, ALL OCCURRING IN THE US. IN 1972, THE LOSS OF A CARGO DOOR OCCURRED IN FLIGHT BUT THE AIRCRAFT LANDED SAFELY WITH NO FATALITIES. IN 1973 AN ENGINE FAILURE RESULTED IN RUPTURE OF THE FUSELAGE, CAUSING ONE FATALITY. ALSO IN 1973, A DC-10 STRUCK AIRPORT APPROACH LIGHTS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND AND CAME TO REST OFF THE RUNWAY; THERE WERE NO FATALITIES.

3. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS POINTS OUT THAT EACH DC-10 AIRCRAFT IS THOROUGHLY FLIGHT TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAA FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO THE CUSTOMER.

\$. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO RCAAS BEIRUT, CASABLANCA, AND POSTS WHERE HOST COUNTRY AIRLINE OPERATES DC-10 AIRCRAFT. KISSINGER

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